

REMARKS

I. Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 5-17

Claims 5-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,806,847 to Nixon. These rejections are overcome as claims 5, 9, 14 and 16 have been amended.

"Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim." Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co., 730 F.2d 1452, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (citing Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 722 F.2d 1542, 220 USPQ 193 (Fed. Cir. 1983)). As set forth below, Nixon fails to expressly or inherently disclose at least one element recited in each of the amended independent claims.

As illustrated in the present application and discussed in the response filed on February 7, 2006, a server 202, a client machine 206 and a personality module 314 are capable of residing on separate operating systems (pages 5-6 of the response filed on February 7, 2006; and Fig. 2 and page 11, paragraph [0042] of the present application). Accordingly, the present claims are patentably distinct as written and the rejection of these claims under Section 102 should be withdrawn. Specifically, claim 5 has been amended to further recite "the client residing on a first operating system ... the personality module residing on a second operating system." Likewise, claim 9 has been amended to further recite "a server ... an interface residing on a first operating system ... a personality module within a second operating system." Additionally, claims 14 and 16 have been amended to further recite "providing a server ... the client residing on a first operating system ... the virtual machine residing on a second operating system."

In contrast, Nixon does not expressly or inherently disclose a personality module or a virtual machine residing on an operating system apart from a portable computer system or a host computer. In Nixon, the portable computer system (client) is in communication with the host computer (server) as described by the Examiner on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. However, the module or software routine (deemed a personality module by the

Examiner) of Nixon resides on either the portable computer system or the host computer, and not on an independent operating system as claimed in the present application. Furthermore, Nixon fails to expressly or inherently disclose any intermediary devices between the portable computer system and the host computer. Thus, Nixon fails to expressly or inherently disclose at least one element of amended independent claims 5, 9, 14 and 16. Accordingly, Nixon does not anticipate these claims and the Section 102 rejection should be withdrawn.

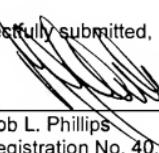
Since Nixon does not expressly or inherently disclose each element of amended independent claims 5, 9, 14 and 16, and since claims 6-8, 10-13, 15 and 17 depend from and further limit amended independent claims 5, 9, 14 and 16, the rejection to these claims should also be withdrawn. Claim 10 has been amended for grammatical and antecedent issues and not for reasons related to patentability. As such, applicants believe that the Section 102 rejection to these claims should be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and, accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Should any questions remain regarding the allowability of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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